



# News Release

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## Christmas at the Sonoma Mission – December 10<sup>th</sup>

*Sonoma, Calif.*— Sonoma State Historic Park, in cooperation with Sonoma Petaluma Parks Association Inc. (SPParks), presents the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas at the Sonoma Mission on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

Four pageants are held at Mission San Francisco Solano honoring the traditional holiday celebration of *Las Posadas*. Each pageant depicts the journey Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem to secure a resting place for the night of Jesus' birth. Pageant times are 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30 pm. Due to the local popularity of this event, program admission is by ticket only and acquired in person on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon at the Sonoma Mission, 114 E. Spain St., Sonoma CA 95476 (707) 938-9560. A \$2.50 suggested donation per ticket is encouraged (four max per person). This 25 minute program requires standing in line and throughout the program.

Dress for the weather to experience the park at night and in festive regalia. Free activities from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the park's downtown location include; music by Pickle Creek String Band and docent tours at the Toscano Hotel & Kitchen, Sonoma Barracks campfire program with a holiday twist, traditional Posadas craft activities and refreshments courtesy of La Luz Center ([www.laluzcenter.org](http://www.laluzcenter.org)), open gift store with brand new merchandise, Blue Wing Adobe Inn living history demonstration, and docent tours of the General Joseph Hooker House (El Paseo de Sonoma) courtesy of The Sonoma League for Historic Preservation ([www.sonomaleague.org](http://www.sonomaleague.org)).

All donations received go directly to SPParks who generously supports interpretation, preservation, and awareness of Sonoma and Petaluma State Historic Parks. California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance or publications in alternate formats, contact (707) 477-1398 | 711, TTY relay service.

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